Development Component and two links under Himalayan Rivers Development Component. The completion of remaining of 2 FR's of Peninsular Component is dependent upon the concurrence of the State Govt. of Karnataka and the completion of balance FR's of Himalayan Component is dependent upon the consent of the neighbouring countries.

Reduction of Government's stake in Central PSEs

*39. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether and *ad hoc* group of experts on empowerment of Central Public Sector Enterprises has recommended that boards of profit-making PSEs be allowed to reduce Government stake upto 51 per cent by raising capital from the market;

(b) if so, whetehr expert group has stated that any decision to reduce Government's equity to less that 51 per cent in navratnas, miniratnas and public sector enterprises with a three years profit making record should be taken only with the consent of the Parliament; and

(c) if so, what are other steps Sengupta's panel has suggested and how its recommendations have been accepted?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Ad-hoc Group of Experts on Empowerment of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) has recommended that the Board of Directors of CPSEs should have the power to raise equity capital from the market, so long as the Government's share of the overall equity remains above 51 per cent. Further, if raising such equity requires an enhancement of the authorised capital, permission for expanding the authorised capital should be given in a time bound manner by the Government. At the time of granting such approval, the Government may decide to extinguish part of its shareholding at the price which the company shares command in the market.

(b) The Ad-hoc Group of Experts have recommended that in the case of Navratnas, Miniratnas and other consistently profit-making CPSEs. (those CPSEs which have been making profits for the past three consecutive years and have a positive networth) reduction of Government shareholding to less than 51 per cent should be taken only with the consent of Parliament, as the ultimate representative of the people.

(c) The Ad-hoc Group of Experts have also recommended that the Board of Directors of CPSEs should be empowered to divest the shareholding in subsidiary companies after complying with SEBI guidelines. However, disinvestment of shareholding in such subsidiaries to an extent of more than 50 per cent would require the approval of Government. No other recommendations have been made with respect to disinvestment of Government shareholding in CPSEs. However, since the ambit of the Ad-hoc Group of Experts was wider, a number of recommendations have been made with respect to ownership issues and powers of CPSEs, audit of Government Companies, Article 12 of the Constitution, Parliamentary Accountability and Vigilance Management in CPSEs. The recommendations are under examination/consideration.

Revenue earned by Oil Refineries

*40. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of petroleum refineries both in public and in the private sector in the country, including the products and by-products produced by the respective units along with installed annual capacity vis-a-vis actual production of each item for the last five years;

(b) the details fo revenue earned by the respective refineries from these by products during the period;

(c) the details of revenue, such productions at the refineries yielded to Government;

(d) the details of revisions of selling prices of these by-products effected by these refineries from time to time; and

(e) price revision on each occasion was attributable to what?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) There are 18 refineries operating in the country, 17 in the Public Sector and 1 in the Private Sector, with a total installed capacity of 127.37 Million Metric Tonnes Per Annum (MMTPA). The locations and capacities of these refineries are given in Statement-I. (*See* below)

The details of products produced by the refineries during the last five years yearwise are given in Statement-II. (*See* below)